(b) The policy statement was approved by the appropriate authority.

Recommendations of the Expert Committee

2488. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that no decision has bien taken on the recommendations of expert committee on Category-I drugs from Novembsr, 1988 to July, 1989;

(b) wither it is a fact that the prices of medicines needed for National Health Programmes have gone up by mire than 150 pjrdont after the announcement of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987;

(d) what are the details of drugs which have not been included under price con rol so far which were identified by expert committee; and

(d) what was the price of each medicine based on each drug before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAM3YAL) : (a) and (c) This Ministry did not appoint any expert Committee for this purpose.

* (b) and (d) Prices of drugs included in Gategory-I of the DPCO, 1987 are regulated as per provisions ofthe DPCO, 1987. Increase in prices varying from case to case has been allowed for some drugs.

Overcharging on Oxytetracycline

2489. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) what was the notified/fixed price of Oxytetracycline and its salts as on 1st April, 1979 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ' prices of Oxytetracycline were revised subsequsutly ;

(o) if so, when and what were the revised prices for Oxytetracycline and its salts under DPCO, 1979 and when were these prices implemented ;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of Oxytetracycline and its salts:

(e) if so, what was the production of each manufacturer after 1980 upto 1987, yearwise ;

(f) whether his Vinistry has worked out the overcharged amount on this drug; and

(g) if so, what are the names of the companies, amount worked out in favour of each company and the price and quantity on whicn calculation was made ?

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